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Sustaining Progress 2:
Gaining Stability through Staff Investment and Strategic Partnerships



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Dr. Jeff Capobianco has over 20 years of clinical, administrative and healthcare research experience with an extensive background in primary and behavioral healthcare integration, evidence-based practice implementation, Lean Six Sigma methodologies, and learning community approaches to organizational change and practice improvement.

Prior to joining the National Council for Behavioral Healthcare where he is a Senior Consultant and Director of Practice Improvement for the Center for Integrated Health Solutions, he held positions as a Research Investigator at the University of Michigan School of Social Work and as the Director of Research and New Program Development for the Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO). While at the WCHO, he oversaw the integration of seven primary and behavioral health care clinics. Dr. Capobianco has published in national journals including *Social Work in Healthcare*, the *Journal of Evidence-based Social Work*, *Administration and Policy in Mental Health*, and *Family, Systems, & Health*. He has authored two books and is currently serving as an institutional review board member for the National Research Institute, Inc., a journal review member of the *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*, and a member of the advisory council for Centerstone Research Institute Knowledge Network. A limited licensed psychologist in the State of Michigan, he received a Bachelor degree double-majoring in Philosophy and Psychology, and a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Saint Michael's College. He completed a Doctor of Philosophy Degree at Wayne State University in Education Evaluation and Research with a concentration in quantitative research methods.



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Mr. Sanchez is the HIV/AIDS/STD Program Coordinator at the City of Laredo Health Department and is the co-founder of PILLAR (People with Ideas of Love, Liberty, Acceptance and Respect), a non-profit organization that provides counseling and educational services to people dealing with emotional turmoil related to bullying and suicidal ideation.

As the HIV/AIDS/STD Program Coordinator, Mr. Sanchez is responsible to develop, provide and promote comprehensive HIV services and awareness among the Latino population in the South Texas area. This is accomplished through a community based, culturally appropriate and professional working relationship with HIV stakeholders.

As the Co-Founder of PILLAR, Mr. Sanchez promotes the health and well-being of people from diverse communities by furthering effective interventions for suicide prevention, anti-bullying, substance misuse, and general behavioral health through collaborative activities and information sharing in order to ensure individual growth, personal success, saving lives, and advancing the respect of human rights. This is accomplished mainly via community mobilization.

Mr. Sanchez has over 20 years of experience in the mental health field and 15 years of experience in the HIV/AIDS/STD field. He has a B.A. in General Psychology from Laredo State University and an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Texas A & M International University. In addition, he holds the Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern credential. He has served on the HIV/STD Prevention Community Planning Group for Texas and as Chairperson for the South Texas HIV Planning Assembly, a planning body that focused on the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, and as the Area 6 leader for the VOICES of South Texas- an HIV/STD prevention community planning group. Mr. Sanchez has also served as a technical advisor to Third World Countries with the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD).